

Poll: White conservatives favor Giuliani

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LOS ANGELES - Despite his liberal leanings, Republican Rudolph Giuliani is the choice for U.S. president among white conservative Christians, a Los Angeles Times poll says.

A poll conducted this month found 26 percent of white conservative Christians favor Giuliani. That is more than double the number of those who favor his top rivals, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the Times reported Monday.

Giuliani, a former New York mayor, holds liberal views on abortion and gay rights but is tough on terrorism, which bodes well with conservatives who value strong leadership on national security.

But in a sign of conservative dissatisfaction with Giuliani and his primary opponents, the Times poll found that 22 percent of white conservative Christian Republicans preferred Fred Thompson, a former U.S. senator from Tennessee. Thompson, a social conservative and a television actor on "Law and Order," has not formally announced plans to run for president.

The Los Angeles Times did not say how many respondents participated in the political poll or give the survey's margin or error.

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